

## EIGHT DUXBURY MEN HAVE JOINED NATIONAL GUARD

### FRESHMEN WIN DRAMATIC TOURNAMENT

More than 260 attended the fourth annual tournament of plays last Wednesday night, which featured three plays by the DHS Dramatic Club. Grade 9 staged "Babs Goes Dramatic"; Grade 10, "Drums in the Night"; Grade 11, "Judy Takes Over." The Judges, who were Mesdames J. Anderson Lord, Morris Loring and Richard Field, gave first prize to Grade 9 on the basis of technique. Richard Higgins, the senior who coached Grade 9, deserves great credit for developing the acting ability of the group, which included Lucy Butler, Mary Skinner, Barbara Seaver, Lois Jenner, Arthur Chandler, Carolyn Swift, Jean Cope, Peter Brown, Janet Kilgour, Evelyn Fernandes, Dwight Newton, Anne Marr, Anne Carver and George Searle-Spratt.

### DRIVER TRAINING GRADUATES

Inspector William Mello of the Registry of Motor Vehicles handed out 18 pink slips to the following members of the Adult Driver Education Course: Mesdames Glass, Edwards, Cornish, LaGrecia, Proctor, Hubbard, Blanchard, Walker, Richter, Washburn, Peterson, Cops, Doyle, Handy, Loth and the Misses Bolton and Carver. Donald Washburn also passed the test. Since 20 adult students completed the course, eight more will take the exams. This project has been under the direction of Ralph Blakeman, the Driver-Trainer, and Earl Bassett, who was in charge of the classroom work.

### DUXBURY CENTENARIAN

Frank Pratt, according to a church record in the Maine town where he was born, was a hundred years old when he died on Monday, Mar. 28, in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Mrs. Franklin Brett in No. Duxbury, where he had been living. He was buried on Wednesday, Mar. 28, in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Kingston. His son, William R. Pratt, lives on Valley St. in West Duxbury.

A long-time resident of Duxbury, he was once a section hand of the New Haven Railroad when the railroad was operating in Duxbury.

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Eight Duxbury young men will report on May 1 for ten days of training with a National Guard unit at the Plymouth Army. They will leave for further training at Camp Edwards on May 10. This follows a recent order issued by Gov. Dever to the effect that the full command and enlisted strength of the 68th AAA Gun Battalion, which includes Battery B of Plymouth, be alerted for Federal duty. This unit will be activated on May 1.

### Four DHS Boys

Robert Packard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Packard of Tobey Garden St., and Richard Higgins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Higgins of Bay Rd., are corporals. Privates First Class are Joseph and Robert Sampson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sampson of Soule Ave., and Robert Sheehan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sheehan of Franklin St. Robert Merry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Merry, is a Private E-2, and his brother William, along with Herbert Johnson and William Wolfgang, are privates E-1. Wolfgang has been living with Mr. and Mrs. David O'Connell of Bay Ridge Lane. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson of St. George Street.

According to High School Principal Rodney Wood, an effort will be made to permit four of these men, who are DHS seniors, to receive their diplomas in June. They are Higgins, Wolfgang, Johnson and Joseph Sampson.

### DR. HANDY WILL ADDRESS FIRESIDE GROUP

Dr. Everett Handy, Superintendent of Schools in Duxbury, will be speaker of the evening at the April 10 meeting of the Fireside Group, which will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wrye, Jr.

He will discuss current issues in education.

### DUXBURY MEETING OF HOSPITAL CLUB

About 75 members attended the Jordan Hospital Club meeting Monday at the home of Miss Priscilla Williams of Washington St. Mrs. Alfred Myers, Jr., of Plymouth, club president, introduced John McCarthy of Milton, a Red Cross executive. He spoke about plasma, told how it was used and stressed its need today, especially in light of the situation in Korea. He urged members to give blood at Memorial Hall in Plymouth on April 24. A piano recital followed his talk. The hostess served tea.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Philip Barnes of Warren Ave., Plymouth, on May 7. Mrs. John Packard of Plymouth will be hostess. Mrs. James B. Seaver of the Children's Hospital Medical Center will speak.



The Red Cross drive is short of its goal. The Old Colony Chapter quota is \$6120; and to date only \$4600, or 75% of this amount, has been collected.

Please send donations to William H. Couch of St. George St. He is Red Cross chairman for Duxbury. Robert Seymour is chairman of the Red Cross Old Colony Chapter.

## Cosmopolitan Party At Westwinds

There was a delightful surprise party at Westwinds last Thursday in honor of International Theatre Month. Joan Field read in Spanish a scene from a play laid in Mexico, and Mlle. Gilberte des Jardins sang in French a gavotte from Manon and L'Air des Bijoux from Faust. Grace Anthony, hiding her Scotch ancestry behind a graceful mantilla, told of experiences during her two-year stay in Puerto Rico where there is no formal theatre as we know it, but where life itself is a dramatic experience with the numerous fiestas in which all take part. These festivals fulfill the need for escape and dramatic expression.

Joyce Prince added a touch of England to the program. Assisted by Joan in the second part of her program, she read a scene from Twelfth Night. Signe Sauter, wearing a charming Norwegian costume, read two poems by Ibsen after translating them. It was an interesting experience to most of those present, for the language is quite unlike the others heard during the afternoon.

There were a number of interesting exhibits pertaining to the theatre, domestic and foreign. It was a pleasant and most instructive afternoon.

Deborah Nelson Tops In Contest  
Part of the entertainment were the two contests sponsored by Joan Field in connection with International Theatre month, which was observed in March. Entrants in Contest A were asked to identify on a postcard dated not later than March 31 a theatrical personality born outside the U. S. Mrs. George Nelson won first prize with this letter:

"Louis Jouvet is a French actor, born in Brittany in 1812. He is the grandfather of four and the son of an engineer. He served in the first world war and was a pharmacist before becoming an actor. He is at present head of the Athenaeum, a group of 50 actors, electricians, etc. He is at present playing in Moliere's L'Amour-Médicament." (Continued on Page 8)

## Duxbury Committee Members Named For April Cancer Drive

The Rev. Mr. Abbot Peterson has been named chairman of the local American Cancer Society April drive which is now underway. On the committee are William Wood McCarthy, treasurer; Miss Margaret Atwood, John Marshall and Mesdames Oliver L. Barker, Freeman I. Davison, Jr., Harold E. Fitzgibbons and Allan G. Waite.

"Science is sure cancer will be conquered in the foreseeable future," Mr. Peterson said. "Only a slackening of public support that provides tools of war—research facilities, trained workers and instruments—can halt the inevitable march to victory."

### Expensive Research

"During April, the Massachusetts Division must raise \$530,100 to support that research and to carry on a program of public education that is already saving many lives. Here in Massachusetts—one of the world's leading centers of cancer research—we have a special stake in the Cancer Crusade. But the battle against cancer is

terribly expensive. A million-volt X-ray machine, for example, costs \$65,000, and 105 research fellowships for young scientists' cost \$481,000. The annual maintenance of a single cancer research bed (where patients are studied and treated) costs \$10,000.

"Now, with victory imminent, we turn to YOU for the generous support that can SPEED the conquest of cancer. This is not the time to think merely of maintaining research. This is the time for the Big Push. This is the time to be GENEROUS."

Contributions should be sent to William Wood McCarthy.

## Save-The-Theatre Committee Urge All To Attend Meeting

Friday evening, April 6, at 8 p.m. has been set by the Save the Theatre Committee for a meeting at the Unitarian Parish House. Signers and contributors to the Save the Theatre drive to help raise the \$10,000 for the Duxbury Playhouse are urged to attend this important and decisive meeting when proposed terms will be heard and voted upon for transfer of funds to make possible the community theatre goal.

## Town Hall News

Fire Chief Eben Briggs reports a new Forest Fire truck will be purchased from Maxim. The Selectmen approved the \$4,800 purchase price.

Town Commissioner Harry Long approved about \$93,000 of the approximate \$100,000 the Selectmen had requested permission to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Fund. A letter has been sent him requesting an explanation of the reductions.

Byron Taft received permission to build a house and garage on Tremont St.

Edwin Loring received permission to build an addition to Cox's Corner Garage.

Permission was granted The Village Pharmacy to hang a light sign out the store.

Appointments and Reappointments: Surveyors of Wood and Lumber are Edward McAuliffe, Roy Parks and Bradley Osgood; Francis Perry, Lewis Randall and Earl Chandler are Field Drivers; Charles McNaught, Dealer of Weights and Measures; Fence Viewers are Roy Parks, William Couch and Edward Vowles; Harry McNeil is Burial Agent (no salary). (Continued on page 8)

The common stockholders of the Duxbury Playhouse, meeting Thursday, March 29, unanimously voted: "Provided the Playhouse has available \$10,000 by April 7, 1951, the stockholders voted that: 1. We take steps to open the 1951 season under the direction of Mr. David Tulav. 2. We proceed with the necessary steps to change the corporate organization to a non-profit community theatre."

### Final Decision

A spokesman and two additional members from the Board will be invited to attend this Save the Theatre meeting and to clarify questions that may arise as to terms of transfer. The Board will meet the following day to make the final decision regarding plans for the fast approaching summer season, and the change from stock structure to community organization.

In addition to the immediate question of terms of financial transfer, singers and contributors to the Save the Theatre Committee will discuss the larger issues of organizing the framework for the community playhouse association in support of the present season and in readiness for organizational functioning when the changeover can be made.

We hear the decorations at the Junior Prom were super!

Mrs. Colley Gibson and her daughter, who is enrolled at Pembroke College, Brown University, were guests of the Walter G. Princes last week-end.

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